Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Rotary International founded on February 23, 1905, in Chicago, Illinois, is the world's first and one of the largest non-profit service organizations; and,

Whereas, The Rotary motto "Service Above Self" inspires members to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, and promote good will and peace in the world; and,

Whereas, Rotary funds club projects and sponsors volunteers with community expertise to provide medical supplies, health care, clean water, food production, job training, and education to millions in need, particularly in developing countries; and,

Whereas, Rotary is the world's largest privately-funded source of international scholarships and promotes international understanding through scholarships, exchange programs, and humanitarian grants; and,

Whereas, Rotary's Group Study Exchange Program has helped more than 67,000 young professionals explore their career fields in other countries while the Rotary Youth Exchange Program has helped 7,000 secondary-school students each year experience life in another country; and,

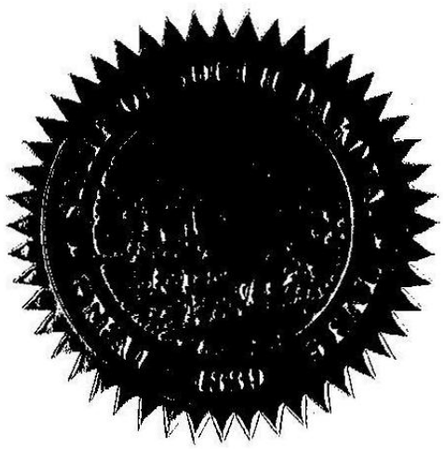
Whereas, There are over 2,100 Rotary club members in more than 42 clubs throughout South Dakota and Rotary District 5610 sponsoring service projects to address such critical issues as poverty, health, hunger, illiteracy, and the environment in their local communities, and abroad; and,

Whereas, Rotary International is being recognized for its more than 105 years of service to improving the human condition in local communities and around the world:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 23, 2010, as

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eleventh Day of January in the Year of Our Lord; Two Thousand and Ten.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Teresa J Bray, Deputy

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State